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SUBJ: TAIZ AIRPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY

REF: STUDY CONDUCTED UNDER PROJECT AGREEMENT

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BEIRUT FOR CAA

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES STUDY SHOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR  
COMPLETION OF TAIZ AIRPORT ON MOST ECONOMIC AND EXPEDITIOUS  
BASIS. YARG IS PRESSING US ON WHAT NEXT AND DESERVES  
EARLY ANSWER. FEASIBILITY STUDY, AS CAST, SEEMS  
TAILORED TO AN AID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT WITH  
LIMITED EQUIPMENT COMPONENT. WE URGE AID/W GIVE  
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

2. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT REPORT WAS NOT ABLE TO GIVE  
MORE ATTENTION TO LARGER PROBLEM OF NATIONAL AIRPORT  
DEVELOPMENT TO TIE INTO OUR EFFORTS TO HELP RESUSCI-  
TATE YEMEN AIRWAYS CORP. BY COMBINING TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE OF AMERICAN AIRLINE (AS PER PANAM VISIT)  
FOR COMPLETE REORGANIZATION WITH FUNDING SAUDI AMBASSADOR  
HAS TOLD YEMENIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM SAG. WHAT IS  
NEEDED IS AID-FINANCED ENGINEERING STUDY FOR REHABILITA-  
TION OF HODEIDA AIRPORT (WHICH HAS BEEN RECENTLY CLOSED  
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TO JETS DUE TO SEVERE RUNWAY DETERIORATION) AND FOR

ESTABLISHING SECONDARY AIRPORTS SO THAT YAC CAN BEGIN TO MEET DEMAND FOR INTERNAL SERVICES IN COUNTRY WITH LARGE POPULATION, VERY RUGGED TERRAIN, AND FEW ROADS. WE SEE AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROLE (USAID FOR AIRPORTS, PANAM FOR AIRLINE) WHICH WILL ACT AS CATALYST TO OBTAIN CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FROM ARAB DONORS. COST TO USG WOULD BE MODEST, AND WOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, CREATE EXPECTATION OF USG CAPITAL ASSISTANCE IN AVIATION SECTOR. WITH ENGINEERING DONE BY US FIRM, PROSPECTS WOULD BE GOOD FOR SALES OF US EQUIPMENT.

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